

Cedar City, Utah.  
Dec. 12, 1959.

*Re Coal Creek Dist*

Dear Water User:

The representatives from the State Engineer's Office met so many problems in Beaver and Parowan that they did not get to Cedar City. I went to Parowan and met with them however and we found that the following users had stock watering rights.

South and West Fields.  
Woodbury Ditch  
Old Fort & Old Field  
Hunter Ditch

Union Field  
North Field  
Bulldog Ditch

The only problem now seems to be upon what basis the water should be divided in case there is not enough for all.

On Dec. 5th when the temperature fell to 6° the flow of the creek fell to only 0.8 C.F.S. in the entire creek. It is entirely possible that the weather could be such that the flow would not exceed 2 to 3 C.F.S. for several days at a time.

I have ask the Engineer to give me a ruling as to what basis it should be divided in such an event. If such a ruling is slow in coming it may be well for the users to agree among themselves how this should be done. Should it be divided evenly among all 7 companies even if it doesn't reach any of them, be rotated to fill ponds, given to the ditches with the oldest irrigation priority, or divided on some other basis.

In the mean time it would help a lot if the trash was cleaned out of some of the ditches. In checking to see how far the water is reaching in some of the ditches I find they are full of trash and the water running over the bank to waste. Also some ditches are divided more times than are necessary. A little cooperation on the part of all concerned would help us to get by this critically dry year.

Yours truly,

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Water Commissioner.

